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School Board to meet at Mackinac Island May 2-4

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

At the end of Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, board president Amy Pearce announced that for the first time the entire school board will attend a Michigan Association of School Boards' conference together.

She said it will be on Mackinac Island May 2-4 and board members will be able to take MASB classes and get updates on many topics.

Board vice president Dionne Falconer will get a MASB award for reaching Level 3 for taking a lot of classes.

The 2025 Spring Institute is described on the MASB website: "This three-day event offers a perfect blend of professional development and island charm. Connect with fellow school leaders from across Michigan while enhancing your governance skills through Board Member Certification (CBA) classes, Board Presidents Workshops and valuable networking opportunities."

The full-day workshop is \$249. All classes are \$125 each except for CBA 101 and Board Presidents Workshops, which are \$249 each. Guests are \$102 per day.

All meal functions are for registered attendees only and are based on their session enrollment.

Training qualifies for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Education. School Districts may receive up to \$100 per class per board member.

Those attending the institute will be staying at Mission Point Resort, One Lake Shore Dr., Mackinac Island. Room rates range from \$199 to \$299 for a family suite.

In other business at the one-hour-12-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the Plante Moran Realpoint

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A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Belleville High School Robotics Team on Monday by, at left, Polish Legion of American Veterans commander George Kennedy and at right Veterans of Foreign Wars commander John Blackstone. Accepting the check, from left center, are Aaron Watkins, Madalynn Similo, and Ethan Sulea. Twenty-seven members of the team would head by plane and bus, April 15-19, for FIRST Robotics world competition in Houston, TX.

City selects Al's Asphalt Paving for work on High, Liberty

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

At a special, 16-minute meeting on April 8, the Belleville City Council unanimously selected low-bidder Al's Asphalt Paving Co. of Taylor to do upgrades to High and Liberty streets.

There were eight bidders and the bids were opened at 2 p.m., April 8, and then the city's consulting engineers, Hennessey, reviewed the bids and the bidders and recommended Al's Asphalt.

The bidders were:

- Al's Asphalt Paving Co., \$587,356;
- Florence Cement Co., \$668,148;
- T&M Asphalt Paving, \$689,639;
- R&R Asphalt, \$692,935.50;
- Asphalt Specialists, Inc., \$695,850;

- Cadillac Asphalt, \$702,966;
- Site Supply, Inc., \$713,012; and
- Nagle Paving Co., \$754,073.

City manager Jason Smith said Al's Asphalt will begin work on May 1 on High Street and will only mill and cap the street and reroute the catch basin that floods. That work will be done before Lakefest and the lakeside concerts begin, he said.

Al's then will mill down Liberty Street and another company will be hired to replace the water main. There is 9 to 10 inches of concrete under the asphalt and the new company will have to spot cut to get through that, he said.

Then, Al's will return to cap the street with asphalt, Smith said.

Mayor pro-tem Kelly Bates, who was

chairing the meeting in the absence of mayor Ken Voigt, asked about specific dates of the work.

Smith said he didn't know, but there would be a spring start and High Street would be done before summer and Liberty by the end of summer. Later he found in the paperwork that Al's would start High Street on May 1.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel said that since the city's fire station is on Liberty Street, they may have to temporarily place the fire engines elsewhere to serve the community or to ask Van Buren Township to serve the community for them for two days.

Smith said they will be having a pre-construction meeting and all those things

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Residents on shores of Belleville, Ford lakes meet to discuss lake care

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A roomful of lakeshore residents, who live along Belleville and Ford lakes on the Huron River, met with the Huron River Watershed Council on April 3 at the Belleville Area District Library to consider how to improve the health of their lakes.

Kate Laramie, the council's watershed ecologist, gave an initial presentation at this Shoreline Stewardship Workshop, then answered questions about the Huron River and the 300 lakes in its watershed.

She said the council's mission is "Protecting and restoring the Huron River System – so all in our connected communities can enjoy and benefit from this essential natural resource for generations to come."

She told them about rain gardens, rain barrels, planting native plants along the shoreline and farther up from the water, modification of seawalls, natural erosion control methods, and other projects.

Because Belleville Lake and Ford Lake are dammed lakes, they have different rules with EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy), which controls the lakes, she said. She was referring to her comments on how woody debris is critical for fish habitat and when a tree falls in the lake it might be a good idea to leave it there. But, with a dammed lake, you might have to remove it.

She said that EGLE no longer is as supportive of seawalls as it once was and it's a lot harder to get a permit now.

When she asked how many people in the room have lived on the lake for 20 years or more, the majority of those present raised their hands. They had lots of concerns about their lake.

Laramie asked them what they liked about living next to the lake, and they replied the sunsets, wildlife, geese, swans,

herons, birds, U of M rowing team, fishing, boating, and national air show, even when a plane falls in the lake.

She asked them what changes they had observed on their lakes and they replied that you used to be able to eat the fish, the algae comes sooner in the summer now and is thicker, there are more weeds, and there is radioactive waste. But there are more frogs and turtles now and it's safer now because of the marine patrol. There also is more lake access now and a bridge is being rebuilt.

When she asked what things would help to keep the lake healthy, they replied keeping the trash out, more seawalls, no fertilizer on the lake side of their property and to donate to the Huron River Watershed Council.

Laramie said the loss of natural "shorelands" is the biggest danger to the lakes. She said turtles and duckings need connection between the land and water, which is offered by native vegetation on the shorelines.

She said residents can prevent stormwater runoff from impervious areas into the lake by planting native plants, which have very deep roots, reducing or eliminating the use of fertilizer, using rainbarrels and rain gardens, and picking up animal waste. She said a lot of lakeside lots are still on septic systems.

Laramie said along the water is where erosion takes place. Erosion is encouraged by mowing to the water's edge and removing aquatic plants.

A resident said on Ford Lake the golf course is mowing its lawn right to the water and several trees have been removed over the past two years. Laramie said that is not against the law, but education and pressure would help there.

Laramie said seawalls are barriers for wildlife, increase nearshore erosion,

and increases erosion on neighboring properties, called "wave flanking."

She said seawalls are also very expensive. She said putting the right size riprap at the base of the seawall absorbs wave energy. Anything in the water requires an EGLE permit, she reminded them.

She said they should avoid dumping sand for a beach, which eventually washes out into the lake. This is putting sand in your lake and increasing turbidity, she said. It also reduces the spawning area for fish.

Laramie said to watch for invasive species, but to identify the plants first before getting rid of them. They shouldn't be pulled out because the stems break up and propagate more plants.

She said not to use plant killers, but do spot treatment, if necessary. Never apply that when it's going to rain, which would wash it into the lake.

She said Belleville Lake has been registered in a Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program run by EGLE and others, including the Huron River Watershed Council. It tracks the changes in lake health through volunteers, she said. A man in the audience said he didn't think the lake was still in the program and she said she would check. Those in the audience showed interest in getting back on the program if membership has been discontinued.

When she was asked what was the source of contamination of Belleville Lake so fish couldn't be eaten, she said PFAs (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) mainly, along with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and mercury from older contamination.

Doug Peters asked if Belleville Lake had a lake association and was told it didn't. He asked if it would benefit the situation and was told it might.

Laramie said a lake association can have a lot of power and can set up goals.

A community group is more able to make positive change, she said.

Laramie said a good place to start would be the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association which has lawyers on staff.

A resident along Ford Lake said boaters are causing erosion by driving their boats too close to the shoreline and not following no-wake practices. He said more information needs to be put out on that.

Laramie said that can do a lot of damage to lakes.

Another resident said many areas around Belleville Lake are wooded and asked if trees help filter out contaminants. She said they do and they stabilize the shore.

A woman asked about pipes going into the lake. One was directed onto her property and she said she asked the city about it and the city guy said you can do that. Laramie said education needs to happen in the municipal sessions they have.

A man asked if someone from the Huron River Watershed Council would come out and look at lakeshores and give residents suggestions on what to try. Laramie said the council works on grants and contractors could come out, but you have to pay them. There is personal help in the rain garden program, she said.

Janine Houle said she is in the Garden Club which works on the city's new pocket park on North Liberty Street. She said she is concerned about the erosion being caused from a pipe going into the lake there at the steep embankment. She said the city is looking at a solution and is considering a seawall, but she doesn't think that's the way to go.

The city would need EGLE permits, Laramie said, and EGLE is stingy about permitting seawalls now and they won't give one to the city for that.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Should Belleville remove parking to make more park?

At last week's Belleville Planning Commission it was suggested that the new master plan the commissioners were working on should contain more parkland.

Everyone wants a walkway next to the lake starting at Horizon Park and going as far as possible, even to Doane's Landing.

A suggestion was to take out the parking lot next to Johnny's on the Lake, since all of it except the spaces right next to the restaurant, belong to the city.

That parking lot could be more parkland, commissioners said, and it could be beautiful.

But assistant city manager Steve Jones said that people use that lot for parking when they are going to Johnny's to eat. And, many people use it to park in when they go to sit in Horizon Park and watch the sun go down.

On the weekends the parking is used a lot. We know it is used by those attending Bugles Across America at the Veterans Memorial at the edge of the park when the streetside parking is used up.

We agree with Jones that the city shouldn't take away parking from its businesses when so many are closing their doors. In the past there has been talk of Chase Bank selling its big parking lot and reducing its footprint since so many use the drive-in banking and on line services.

Don't take parking away from a business that you generously shared your parking with in the past. Don't send their customers away.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The advertisement announcing an auction at Full-House Self Storage published in last week's paper, and again this week, brought a lot of friends to call the Falconer family to see if they could help them with their money woes. They are shocked. They don't need help. They don't have money woes.

The items that are being auctioned off that are in the storage unit belong to Dewey J. Falconer, Jr. The rest of the family has no responsibility for his debts.

They appreciate the concern of their friends, but don't worry. They are fine.

After reading this column last week, Craig Atchinson called me to straighten out the situation on the clock in the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville. He said he doesn't care what kind of clock they choose and he's just giving a donation for it. He said he gave Belleville DDA manager Steve Jones some materials on the Shinola clocks just as a suggestion. He said a friend of his is involved in Shinola and gave him the information. He said he had been out of town for two weeks and recently Belleville mayor Ken Voigt called him about the clock. Then, Craig said he called Steve.

Steve confirmed that he had talked to Craig and the clock has been ordered.

A reader had called me last week to say that Craig was being generous and the DDA shouldn't put their noses up at his generous offer. She was dismayed at the way they had treated him. Steve had told them Craig wanted a Shinola clock and the DDA didn't.

End of story. All is well. Craig doesn't care what kind of clock they order.

At last week's Van Buren Township



Planning Commission meeting, the township's planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna gave a lengthy presentation on a study she did on a Housing Master Plan. The township got a grant to do the study.

As part of her presentation she gave examples of what three pieces of property in the township could be developed as to provide housing.

The 20 acres of the vacant Lakewood shopping center on Rawsonville Road is now on the market, she said. It could be rezoned from commercial to mixed use with shops and homes inside and single family homes on the lake and a path to Van Buren Park.

Another suggested development was on 20 acres at Hull and Martinsville roads south of Country Pond development, in the south side of the township. The empty, Agriculturally zone property could be rezoned to single family residential. It could be a multi-generational housing site, she said.

But, the biggest part of her presentation was about the 180 acres the township owns which is called the Ford property at the corner of Belleville and Tyler roads. The property could be developed as mixed use with a fountain on the corner of Belleville and Tyler roads and an extended Robson Road meandering through the development to come out at Quirk Road on Tyler. The northwest part of the property is protected

wetlands and some single-family homes could be along the wetlands.

The rest of the property would be mixed use with shops and townhouses and apartments. She said this would be a good place to live since it is so close to the splash pad at Quirk Park and the community center and township hall.

The big difference with this example of development is that the township owns it and can make it happen. I think they are planning to build a downtown that looks like a downtown.

She said from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 30, there will be workshop at the township hall to look at these proposed developments and comment on them using post-it notes.

She said the fountain on the corner would be more than something beautiful to look at. She said it would draw people into the development that could be put there.

Although there has been some talk around town about the Butcher Shop expanding to take part of the empty shop unit next door, that is not happening.

I asked them when I was delivering papers last week if they were expanding and I was told "no," they weren't. They need more space for sure, but an expansion is not in their plans at this time.



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Letters

Fire Chief Loranger announces retirement

To the Belleville citizens and community:

The time has finally come for me to retire from the City of Belleville Fire Department. I have spent the last several months reflecting on this decision, and after 37 years of service, the moment has arrived.

I began my journey with the department in 1987 and worked my way through the ranks. In 2001, I became Assistant Chief, and in 2012, I was honored to be appointed Chief by the City Council. Serving this community has been an incredible privilege.

When I first joined the department, my focus was on what I could do for the community. Over the past 37 years, that passion for helping others has never wavered. The department has undergone many changes -- some positive, some challenging. In a paid-per-call/part-time fire department, change is constant. We have been a stepping stone for many firefighters pursuing full-time careers, which means we frequently lose members and continuously work to fill those gaps.

I would like to express my gratitude to the City Council, both past and present, for your support, especially regarding budgetary adjustments for public safety and for recognizing the resources we need to do our jobs effectively. A special thank you to City Manager Jason Smith for stepping in when necessary and implementing much-needed improvements throughout the city. I am also deeply grateful to Police Chief Krisy Faull for stepping up during my leave of absence -- it means more to me than you know. Your leadership has been a great asset to the City of Belleville.

Additionally, I want to acknowledge the previous fire chiefs and firefighters who have dedicated their time and effort over the years. It has been an honor to serve alongside individuals who have devoted such a significant part of their lives to this city.

A very special thank you goes to my wife, Anna. She has stood by my side through all these years, enduring my long absences due to fires, tornadoes, medical

emergencies, car accidents, fuel spills, and countless other incidents that pulled me away from home. For 37 years, she has lived with the uncertainty of when I would be called away next. Anna has been just as much a part of this fire department as I have. She is finding my retirement just as difficult as I am. Her involvement with the Fire Auxiliary, supporting us with food and beverages during extended emergency scenes and raising funds for department needs, has been invaluable.

I also want to thank my children -- Aaron, Corinne, and Faith -- who, at different times, spent hours at the fire hall while I was out responding to emergencies or took shelter with Anna in the basement while I was on tornado calls. The Belleville Fire Department has shaped so many moments in our family's life.

As I officially retire after 37 years of service, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has supported me in countless ways.

Once again, thank you all for your support throughout my career and for allowing me the honor of serving this community.

Sincerely,
Chief Brian K. Loranger
City of Belleville

Thrifs & Gifts is very nice shopping experience

To the editor:

This is a note to the tri-community (and hopefully, BEYOND). I have been a four-time shopper (so far, anyway) at the new business on Main Street. It is called THRIFTS & GIFTS. Currently, it occupies the north side of the old Antique Store ... is THAT a conundrum of sorts?

Anyway, if you haven't been inside this well-maintained and absolutely clean shop, you are missing out on a very nice, local shopping experience. Some very lovely ladies are not only in charge of the shop, but they have an eye for displaying all of the items. Things are NOT all jumbled together like you might see in some other types of thrift stores. Prices are very fair and there are periodic sales available as well. A few local crafters have space to sell their creations. There is also a small food pantry available for those who have a need or for those who are able to donate.

When you go into the store and find something you like, don't wait too long deciding whether or not you should purchase it, because I could be right behind you waiting to grab it for myself.

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Ralph V. Dick

RALPH V. DICK

November 13, 1940 – April 9, 2025
Ralph V. Dick, 84, of Palm Harbor, Florida, passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2025. He was born November 13, 1940 in Pennsylvania, a son of the late John M. and Ida L. (Walters) Dick. He was a long-time resident of the Belleville area, working and retiring from Van Buren Public Schools, where he made life-long friends. Those who knew Ralph will remember him for his deep-rooted love for Elvis and dancing, but also for his unwavering commitment to spreading love and kindness to everyone he encountered. He was a friend to all, and had a gift for making others smile and laugh, leaving a lasting impact on all who crossed his path. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Jeffery Dick; five brothers, John, William, Ronald, Donald, and Robert Dick; and two sisters, Betty Allen and Sylvia "Fay" Repko. He is survived and missed by two sons, Walter and Curtis Dick of Belleville; daughter, Donna Lees and husband, Greg, of Westland; six grandchildren; one sister, Dolores Bridge, of Weirsdale, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. "Until we meet again, may God bless you as he has blessed me." - Elvis Presley

More Letters

Democratic Club to hold annual chili cook-off

To the editor:
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Obituaries



James Kevin Farr

JAMES KEVIN FARR

September 26, 1948 – April 9, 2025

James Kevin Farr passed away surrounded by his loving family on April 9, 2025. Known as Jim by everyone who knew and loved him, he was born on September 26, 1948 to parents Hazen and Leona Farr of Belleville who preceded him in death.

Jim led an active and hardworking life, filling days with laughter, music, gardening and being a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He had a child-like inner spirit with a heart of gold, great sense of humor and an unforgettable smile. Jim loved watching sports, Jeopardy, Hallmark and John Wayne movies alongside his loving wife Kathy (Malkowski) Farr, of 56 years. For nearly three decades, Jim was a lead singer of several country bands playing the local bars and later would perform for seniors in nursing homes bringing smiles to all. He was a lifetime member of Willow United Methodist Church and the Huron Sportsman's Club. He worked for 38 years with Draw-Tite until its closure. Anyone who knew him would never forget him.

Jim and Kathy were a Hallmark love story of their own, sharing four children, Ronn (Paola) of Manistique, MI, Kevin (Sarah) of Belleville, MI, Keith (Jessica) of Gibraltar, MI and Karen (Andrew) of Belleville MI. He is survived by sister Judy (Audie) McDaniel of Belleville, MI and sister-in-law, Bonnie (RB) Mullins. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Cooper (Paula) Farr, Mackenzie (Jesse) Farr, Nick (Stephani) Wilson, James Farr, Kenneth Farr, Kevin Mullin, Ali Dunn, Everett Murphy Farr, and Everlee Ann Farr-Goodreau, and several nieces and nephews.

Jim leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter, and will be heartbreakingly missed by all who knew and loved him. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held on April 19, at 1 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church in New Boston, MI.

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Earl Alva Young, Jr.

EARL ALVA YOUNG, JR.

November 25, 1950– April 9, 2025

Earl Alva Young, Jr. passed away at Promedica Hospital in Monroe, Michigan, on April 9, 2025 at the age of 74. Earl was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, whose humor touched everyone who knew him. Born to Earl and Hazel Young, Earl grew up in Ypsilanti, Michigan and graduated from Willow Run High School in 1969. Earl's early career saw him as a truck driver. Later he dedicated his services in maintenance at Van Buren Public Schools, Belleville, Michigan where he was a valued and respected member of the community. Earl's passions were varied, especially as a mechanic, working on cars and engines, a hobby that he shared with others. He was an avid NASCAR fan, and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, like driving his golf cart with Donna and their grandchildren, summer picnics with his boys and their families, playing pickleball and dominoes during summer evenings with his siblings and their spouses.

Earl had a great sense of humor that family and friends enjoyed. Even while battling Parkinson's, and at whatever facility he was at; therapists, nurses, aides, and all enjoyed his sense of humor.

His greatest joy, however, was his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Donna; his sons Christopher (Jamie) Young of Van Buren Township, Adam Young of Dexter, MI, and Brandon (Inez) Young of Fall River, Massachusetts; his cherished grandchildren, Reagan, Eli and Emma, as well as his beloved nieces and nephews -- Joshua (Jill) Monte, Jessica (Ross) Tyrell, Kyle (Sabrina) Young and Kasey (Terry) Cummings. Earl also leaves behind his siblings, Karen (Joe) Monte and Mark (Penny) Young of Van Buren Township, MI as well as his sister-in-law Sharon (Dave) Young of Whitmore Lake, MI.

Earl was preceded in death by his loving parents Earl and Hazel and his brothers Steven and Randall Young.

Though Earl is no longer with us, his legacy of love, laughter and kindness will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

May Earl Alva Young, Jr. rest in eternal peace, forever remembered for the love he shared with family and friends.

Memorial donations in Earl's name may be made to Make a Wish foundation.

Visitation for Earl was Monday, April 14, 2025 and Funeral Service was Tuesday April 15, 2025 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Pastor Joe Kennedy officiated. Interment immediately followed at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

EMILY KATHLEEN COTNER-HENSON

October 7, 1946– April 11, 2025

Age 78, of Hillsdale and formerly of Belleville. Former member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, where a funeral mass was held April 16. Survived by husband Thomas Henson, four children plus a bonus daughter, 7 grandchildren, 7 siblings.

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Jordena F. Poindexter Swoffer

JORDENA F. POINDEXTER SWOFFER

August 1, 1940 April 11, 2025

Jordena F. Poindexter Swoffer, 84 of Willis, Michigan, passed away on Friday, April 11, 2025, after a journey with dementia. Jordena was born on August 1, 1940 in Des Moines, IA to Frances and Mabel Ober. As a young girl, her family moved to St. Joseph, Michigan where she grew up a block from Lake Michigan where she spent much of her free time enjoying the beach, swimming and ice skating. While attending Lake Michigan Catholic High School in St. Joseph, she worked with her mother at Terri's Dress Shop. There, she developed her love for style and dressing up; often modeling at events for the shop. In 1959, she married her first husband, Edwin Poindexter, who was serving in the USAF. His service took them to England, where their first child, Glenn was born. Upon return to the states they settled in Willis, Michigan, where two more sons were born – Brian and Steven. While married they attended Lincoln Community United Methodist Church as a family. She was active as a den mother for Cub Scout Troop 243 for many years, becoming proficient at archery, hunting and fishing. She loved the many camping adventures taken as a family. She and Edwin remained happily married until his passing in 1997. She worked at Belleville Meijer, from where she retired. In 2006, a new love story began when Jordena married longtime friend of the family John Swoffer. Together they enjoyed attending church, gardening and going to estate sales. They volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels and at food banks. At the age of 72, she and John wanted to serve our Lord in a deeper capacity, so they took classes, got credentialed and became chaplains – ultimately becoming Captains and serving until the age of 81. As chaplains they were members of the International Association of Chaplains and served as first responders with the Sumpter Township Police & Fire Department, sat with hospice patients all over southeastern Michigan, and volunteered with the Veteran Administration's program "No One Dies Alone". This program allowed them to honor veterans who had no support, by sitting with them in their final days. They also assisted with many funerals and weddings. Jordena took this role seriously and felt a deep connection to everyone she met while serving our Lord. Jordena was known for her passion for our Lord Jesus Christ. She was a fervent prayer warrior and would often pray for anyone in need of healing or comfort. She loved to dance, sing praises in worship and was a member of Oakwood Church.

Jordena is survived by a sister, Barbara Clark; her children, Glenn (Judy) Poindexter, Brian (Jackie) Poindexter and Steven Poindexter. Step-children, Gary (Louise) and Doug (Pattie) Swoffer. Grandchildren, Amanda Buter, Matthew Holsten, Melissa Cahill, Christina Poindexter, Chaz Poindexter, Crystal Johansen, Danielle Patton, Logan Swoffer, Dillon Litchlighter, Jodie Swoffer, Stacey Swoffer, Shauna Swoffer, Jennifer Roberts, Whitney

Parks, Zachary Swoffer; and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Frances & Mabel; first husband Edwin Poindexter and sister Beverly Wildeman.

A special thanks to Arbor Hospice staff for their love and support of Jordena in her last days: Adam Hess, Aimee Henning-Roe, Camille Prater and music therapist Leika Hildebrandt. Also, thanks to Dementia Friendly Saline for the services they provide to dementia families. Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. – 12 noon Thursday, April 17, at Oakwood Church (operating out of Lincoln Community United Methodist), 9074 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Funeral service will follow at noon. Final resting at Union-Udell Cemetery, 9742 Textile Road, Ypsilanti.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oakwood Church or Arbor Hospice.

DOROTHY MAE GROTHE

February 21, 1955 – April 11, 2025

Age 70 of Romulus, passed away at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield, with her son Jesse S. King by her side. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, April 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Monday, May 5 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed



Jesse Ralph Smith

JESSE RALPH SMITH

July 21, 1950 – April 12, 2025

Jesse Ralph Smith, age 74, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Trinity Health Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, surrounded by family. He was born July 21, 1950, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of James Emmitt & Harriett Atlanta (Dieter) Smith. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1969. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He married the love of his life Deborah Kay Kidd in July 1971. He enjoyed bowling, deer hunting, and absolutely loved to fish. He was always planning his next fishing trip.

Jesse is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 54 years, Debbie Smith; daughter Sonya King of Monroe, MI; son Jesse Micah Smith of Belleville, MI; 6 grandchildren: Hilliary, Justin, and Zachary King, Christian, Scarlet, and Grayson Smith; one great-grandson Carson Laginess; brother Ron (Beth) Smith of Belleville, MI; two sisters: Cherie (Gary) Gordon and Lisa (Joe) James, both of Florida; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother Mark Smith.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2025, with a 1 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Rev. Robert J. White will officiate. Interment will follow in Denton Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association, or the American Heart Association, and would be appreciated.

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Helen Lucille Koszykowski

HELEN LUCILLE KOSZYKOWSKI

December 8, 1930 – April 8, 2025

Helen Lucille Koszykowski, age 94, of Huron Township and Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at her home, surrounded by family, under hospice care. She was born December 8, 1930, in Sumpter Township, MI, daughter of Edwin C. & Loretto Catherine (Hughes) Green. She graduated from Airport High School, class of 1948. Helen was a former member of Willow United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI. She loved children, cooking, reading and socializing.

Helen is survived by nine of her ten children: Loretta (Richard) Maxwell of Romulus, MI, Linda Nemeth of Seffner, Florida, Sharon Lies, Carol (Bill) Wiley, and Harry (Melissa) Koszykowski, all of Belleville, MI, Raymond (Barbara) Koszykowski of Waltz, MI, Mathew Koszykowski of Belleville, MI, Karl (Kimberly) Koszykowski of Romulus, MI, and Theresa (Mark) Buttignoli of Carleton, MI; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter Meadow; one sister Mildred Miles of Grosse Ile, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Henry Koszykowski in 1989, son Henry Joseph, also four brothers and ten sisters. Visitation was Sunday, with a Funeral Monday, April 14, 2025, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Rev. Gregory Bruchner officiated. Interment followed in Mallet Cemetery, Huron Township, MI.

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Jamie Lynn Moore

JAMIE LYNN MOORE
December 14, 1983 – April 12, 2025

Jamie Lynn Moore, age 41, of Willis, MI, passed away suddenly, at her home, Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2025. She was born December 14, 1983, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Ronald James & Valerie Faye (Sotomayor) Moore. She was a member of the Belleville High School class of 2002. She worked as a shift lead & excelled at customer service for Walgreen's for 17 years where she enjoyed working at the photo counter helping people create memories. Jamie loved traveling especially Disney World, Holland State Park, Myrtle Beach and most recently spending summer weekends at Saginaw Bay enjoying the beaches, The highlight of her travels was her Caribbean Cruise last year with her best friend Charity and family. She loved baking, cooking, arts and crafts. She was also a wonderful writer.

Jamie is survived by her mother, Valerie Moore, brother Brian (Alyssa) Moore, niece Adalynne Moore, nephew Beckett Moore, all of Willis, MI; two aunts Diane (Daniel) Dzierbicki of Ypsilanti, MI, and Sue (Gary) Altobello of Belleville, MI; uncle Michael (Denise) Sotomayor of Ypsilanti, MI; her special kids Emma and Jackson; best friend Charity (Blake) Corey of Wayne, MI; her cherished dog Rocky; also numerous cousins, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, father Ronald Moore, three aunts Prima (Tim of Milan, MI) Vesey, Gloria (Bob of Canton, MI) Goike and Sandy (Allen of Colorado) Cox. Visitation will be 3-8 PM Wednesday, with an 11 a.m. Funeral Thursday, April 24, 2025, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Greg Buchner will officiate. Interment will be in Sloop Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and would be appreciated.

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- **Thursday, April 17** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when popup crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.
- **Friday, April 18** – Lenten Fish Fry at 5 p.m. and Trivia at 7:30 p.m., all at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Open to the public.
- **Saturday, April 19** – Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt at Victory Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Candy Hunt by age groups and free pictures with the bunny.
- **Saturday, April 19** – Easter Egg Hunt at noon at Graham Park, 24560 Sumpter Rd. put on by the Sumpter Township Parks and Rec Committee.
- **Thursday, April 24** – A support group for the blind and visually impaired meets the fourth Thursday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd. Transportation is available for those who live in Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township by calling (734) 461-9373. For information, call (734) 507-6282.
- **Thursday, April 24** – Southwestern Wayne [County] Democratic Club's Annual Chili Cook-off, 6 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. \$20 to enter a pot of chili, \$10 to taste and vote. Entry includes hot dog, chips, beverage, and light dessert.
- **Friday, April 25** – The Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate Induction Ceremony, along with the BHS induction ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. A recognition dinner for the Distinguished Graduates and their guests will be from 5-6:15 p.m. in the BHS cafeteria (the Commons). Distinguished Graduates are treated to the meal and others will pay \$30 cash at the door. Register for the dinner by April 17 at ds Spicer@vanburenschools.net or call (734) 697-9133, ext. 2015.
- **Friday, April 25** – Dinner at 5 p.m., meat auction at 6:30 p.m., and DJ Betty/karaoke mix at 7:30 p.m., all at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Open to the public.
- **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 1, 2, 3** – Annual Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, (734) 753-9048. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, and more. Sponsored by Ladies Aid and Men's Club.

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This year they're painting lighthouses for Community Art project

The Neil Griffin Community Art Project, formerly the Fish Project, is resuming at Horizon Park in Belleville.

A plaque honoring Neil Griffin will be added to the collected works of art. Griffin is the Belleville Area Council for the Arts member who started the fish project in 2018.

Lighthouses will be the new feature for 2025. The Arts Council is inviting artists of all ages to use their creativity to paint or decoupage and embellish a wooden lighthouse to add to the sailboats and fish from previous years.

Adults and children are encouraged to make an artistic creation for the first time or add a new piece to the past collection.

Wooden blanks are now available at the Belleville Area District Library. All artists are encouraged to pick up a lighthouse or a fish blank, decorate it and return it to the library by Saturday, June 7.

Directions:

1. Pick up a wooden blank at Belleville Area District Library.

2. Paint, decoupage, add decorative pieces. Be creative!

3. Sign and date the back of the art piece.

4. Return decorated artwork to the library by Saturday, June 7.

5. A donation of \$5 is recommended to support the Art Project, but it is not required.

The Community Art will again be displayed on the shoreline of Belleville Lake at Horizon Park. The display will remain throughout the summer until late

September.

BACA's Music Lakeside will celebrate its 16th season, starting June 12. There will be 11 concerts this year on Thursday evenings, 7-9 p.m. at Horizon Park. Enjoy the music along the shore by boat or relax in your folding chair at the park. Each week a new food truck will be available for refreshments.

Visit: www.bacaart.org or the Belleville Area Council for the Arts - BACA Facebook page for more information.

Correction: Hands-Off! event in Canton was from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

We reported on page 17 in the April 10 issue of the *Independent* that the Hands-Off! Demonstration on April 5 was set for 1 to 4 p.m. That was incorrect. The event was announced to be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and it closed up on time and cleared the area by 3:15 p.m. without a piece of paper or other litter left.

We apologize for the confusion and making it look like the group closed up early, which it didn't.

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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More Letters

Mom finds comfort in Mikki Ford's business

To the Editor:

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Through exposure and expressions, Mikki and Journy have mastered their relationship. They not only share many laughs, they have a great and mutual respect for one another.

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Truly a village! Human Growth and God are so powerful.

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Happy Easter! Happy Mother's Day! You are truly a critical and appreciated piece to our lives puzzle. You have become a family friend.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
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Well, here it is Third Thursday again. Businesses on Main Street will be open until 8 p.m. or later with popups from 5 p.m. until close. Time to shop for that prefect gift for that special person who has a birthday, anniversary or just needs a little pick me up! Retail in Belleville will be open late on every Third Thursday for your shopping convenience. The weather isn't the greatest yet, but hopefully there will be a group of crafters in the 4th Street Square in May for Third Thursday. Dine and shop!

Every Third Thursday also brings the monthly lecture series at the Belleville Area Museum. I gave you a heads up last week that the topic for tonight is on the History of the Detroit Lions and the Early NFL. You can still try to reserve a space but they may be filled.

On Saturday, April 19, the Belleville Central Business Community will bring back Flop E Bunny and the ever-popular candy hunt. Pictures with Flop E start at 11:30 a.m. for Special Needs children and adults who need a little more time and then noon until 2 p.m. for all others looking for

that free picture. The children will receive a special gift and also get to enjoy the Cosmic Bounce. Kona Ice will have free kids cones and our local scouts will have cookies, if any are left, and meat sticks. Lots to do. Their ad was in the paper last week so I'm sure a lot of you already have it on your calendar.

Do you want to see the best of the best? If so, be at the BHS Auditorium on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Induction of the National Honor Society will take place and recognition of six graduates of BHS for the Distinguished Graduate Program.

It is so great that the BHS Robotics Team gets to go to Houston again for the Robotics World Championship. I know they and their mentors work really hard and this trip will be the icing on the cake. We wish them safe travels and have fun renewing friendships and making new ones.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

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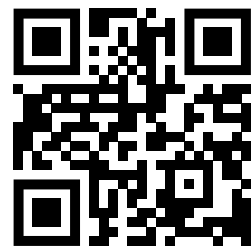
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More Letters

Our disrespectful children: So very sad

To the editor:

Isn't it soooooo very sad that our teachers and anyone dealing with our disrespectful children in our classrooms do nothing but allow these children to continue their unruly behaviors? We need to ask ourselves WHY?

In our district do we have a Disciplinary Policy that has policies for each grade level? Not just grades K through 12? How can an elementary and middle school deal with discipline the same for each student? These students are all different ages.

Then we have parents who don't do anything at home to discipline their own children. Sooooo send them to school and let the teachers deal with them!

Teachers and other people with authority can do nothing because of these policies. So, I ask everyone this question. "Why are our dedicated teachers who want to teach leaving our district? What about the children who want to learn, but can't because of other children who disrespect and cause chaos in the classroom and teachers cannot do anything?"

HOW VERY SAD!

Those caring parents of these children will and are looking and going to other districts. Unless we open our eyes and address these issues we will remain a district no one wants to send their children to and teachers will not stay in.

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Contact a school board member who we elected to represent us. MAKE YOUR CONCERNS KNOWN.

The school board meetings are April 14, April 28, May 12, May 27, June 9, July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 24, Dec. 15.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on all these dates. The meetings are at Belleville High School Commons (cafeteria for high school) with a sign always showing where.

Kathy Wasser

52-year resident of Van Buren Township

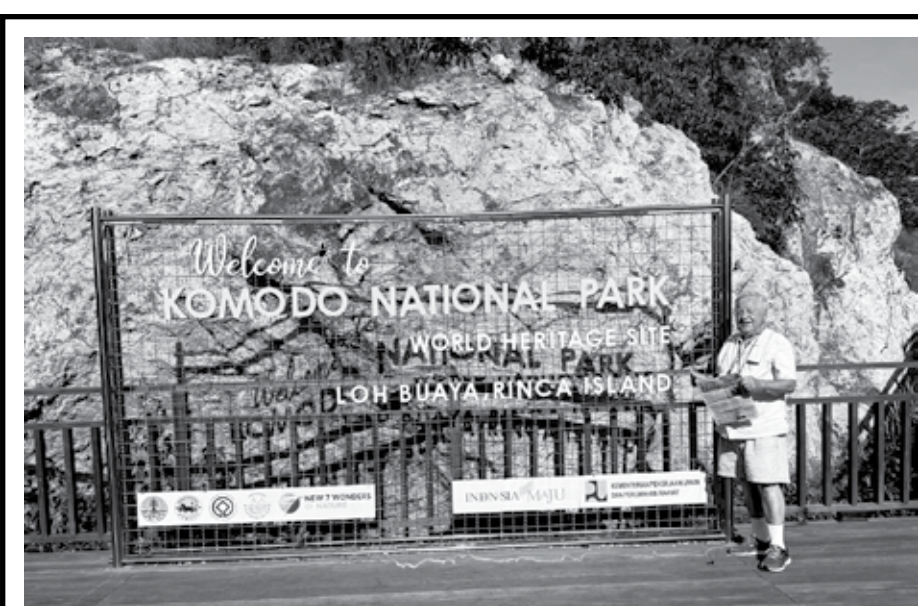
Editor's Note: The meetings for July and August are held in the Administration Building, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, just west of the high school.

Public invited to 9th-annual Romulus Eco-Fair at Athletic Center

The City of Romulus' annual "Eco-Fair" is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC), 35765 Northline Rd. This annual event is organized by the Romulus Garden Club.

The free event – a pre-celebration for Earth Day (April 22) – is open to the public and features exhibits, speakers, and take-aways for children and people of all ages. You do not have to be a member of the Romulus Athletic Center to attend the Eco-Fair.

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contract as presented in a meeting a month ago. The district has utilized the firm as an owner's representative for several years. Plante Moran has provided support for previous bond programs, the sinking fund, and various general fund projects. Pre-bond planning services approved are \$40,000 and then a fixed fee of 2.25% as a percentage of the total amount of bond value approved by voters;

- Approved the minutes of the 14-minute March 19 special meeting during which

the payment of \$319,846.05 was approved to purchase the HPE servers and Storage needed by the district on a 5-0 vote. Absent were Dionne Falconer and David Shall. They were told quick action was required to avoid the perceived 25% increase from the coming tariffs;

- Removed from the agenda the recognition of the 2024-25 Girls Basketball Team and reset it to the April 28 meeting, without explanation;

- Heard a lengthy report on the College Career Readiness program by Jessica Romak, Career Technical Education / Career Readiness Coordinator. She said the cosmetology/salon program is ready

for the public to make appointments. She said BHS is a pathway school and is working to bring an aviation program, for drone flying and private pilot license, with RESA's help. "My goal is to bring back the program that has gone to William Ford, particularly aviation." Supt. Pete Kudlak said BHS would have slots, like Ford, and fill them from other schools;

- Approved the BHS Toledo Mud Hens Field Trip to a School Fair on May 7 for 33 students in grades 9-12. The fair supports the transition goals of high school students with an IEP. Transportation is covered by a grant and special education will fund a portion with each student contributing \$5;

- Approved the Robotics team field trip to Houston, TX, for the FIRST world competition on April 15-19, with cost to each student of \$500;

- Approved Marching Band Camp field trip Aug. 18-22 at Tamarack Camp in Ortonville, with cost to each student of \$350 to \$380;

- Heard president Pearce present a long list of board policy updates, as proposed by the district attorney, with most changes to Title IX policies the board changed last fall. She said with a new administration in Washington they have the changes. The policies will get their second reading and approval on April 28;

- Approved the retirements of instructional staff members Rebecca Tennis from Savage Elementary School as of June 13 after 36 years of service; Sam Villa from McBride Middle School as of June 13 after 34 years of service; Rebecca Ross of the Early Childhood Development Center as of June 30 after 29 years of service; Fred Abel from Tyler Elementary School as of June 30 after 24 years of service; and Howard Wright from Belleville High School as of June 30 after 23 years of service;

- Accepted the resignations of Kelsey Frederick of the Early Childhood Development Center as of June 13, after three years of service; Andrew Palmer from BHS as of June 13, after two years of service; and Chinetta Mcleod from Tyler Elementary as of April 15 after two years of service;

- Approved the hiring of Joslyn Drossard as a speech pathologist at Edgemont Elementary School at a time to be determined;

- Approved the retirement of non-instructional staff member Jill Korody from McBride Middle School on July 1 after 27 years of service and Sylvia Trevorow of BHS as of June 30 after 25 years of service;

- Accepted the resignations of non-instructional staff members: Terrance Landoski from the transportation department as of June 30 after 8.5 years of service; Jacqueline Cruse from the transportation department as of March 1 after seven years of service; Nancy Merrihew from the transportation

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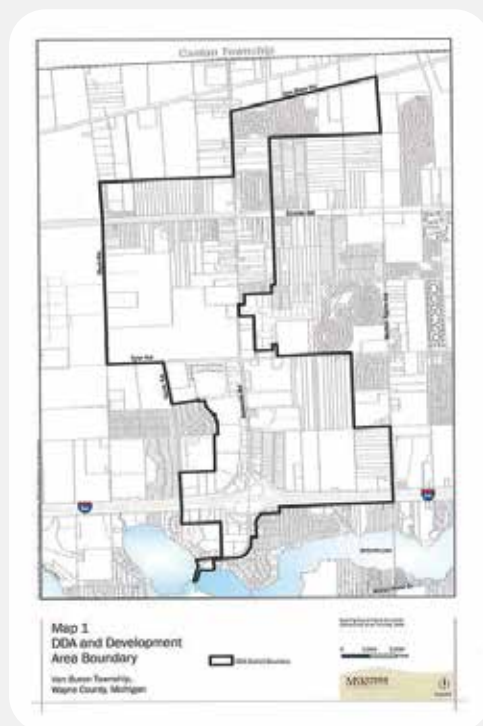
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department as of April 4 after four years of service; Dianna Delucca from Rawsonville Elementary School as of April 1 after one year of service; and Jasmine Hanson from the Early Child Development Center as of April 2 after less than a year of service;

- Approved the hiring of Kimberly Trussell as a custodian as of March 10; Kelly Thornsby as a bus driver as of March 20; Trenna Pressley as a bus aide as of March 17; Jennifer Johnson as a bus driver as of April 1; and Elyon Israel and Lakita Holton as bus drivers as of March 31;

- Heard Krisandra McKay, an Early Childhood Center GRSP parapro working with preparing children for kindergarten, report that she is not being recognized for her education in the rate of her pay and asked the board for help. She was supported by a group of other workers from the childhood center. Supt. Kudlak told her he would be in touch;

- Heard parent Angela Mears say she doesn't like to pay more than she has to for the various senior packages and soccer fees and other school charges. She reeled off \$18 charges and a \$1 charge for using the bank and 3% for credit cards. She said when parents pay \$350 for band camp they have a \$10 charge. "I have no idea where the money goes," she said. "I would like the option to pay cash," Mears said. Supt. Kudlak said the district has been working hard on this for four months and have yet to solve the problem;

- Heard Kudlak announce that bus driver Jamie Baker has earned the 2025 Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award and will receive her award from the lieutenant governor. He also said the grand opening of the Tiger Salon is 12:30-2:30 p.m. on May 6 and guest should check in at the main office;

- Heard board secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick say she is hosting a fundraiser

for Tiger Village on May 31 in the BHS cafeteria. She said the first part of it will be Craft Crop where people will be able to use six-foot-long tables from 7:30 to 9 a.m. for the craft work and then a craft supply sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She said she is earning money to reward the students in the Tiger Village program; and

- Went into closed door session to "consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute" without naming the issue involved. Pearce said they would reconvene after the closed-door session and the only vote they would take would be to adjourn.

City Council

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will be addressed.

"We have to get a permit from EGLE before we start, since we're working close to the lake," Smith said, referring to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

The council discussed different possibilities for dealing with the traffic tieups possible with the closing of High Street for its work and later Liberty Street and how people will get in and out of the shopping center next to the bridge.



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City of Belleville Public Notice



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(Rain date: May 17th)



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

We will begin placing flags on Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 a.m. and need volunteers to help. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Should you wish to volunteer, contact the City Clerk. If you would like to work in a specific section, the Clerk's office must be contacted, or that section may not be guaranteed.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 378 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, April 6:

0155 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.
0203 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0541 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0813 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Ct.
0938 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1102 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1237 – narcotics crime, Tyler Rd.
1407 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1440 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1527 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1855 – malicious destruction of property, Birch Dr.
1912 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
1840 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
2020 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2206 – assist other dept., N. I-275 ramp/Ecorse
2216 – 911 welfare check, Maurice Dr.
2222 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
2315 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Monday, April 7:

0700 – suicidal person, Hamilton St.
0152 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wildbrook
0520 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
0707 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
0715 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0735 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
0732 – assist fire dept., Jackson St.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1301 – civil matter, Rock Creek Dr.
1314 – fraud, Paloma Dr.
1407 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1539 – follow up by officer, S. Bellridge Dr.
1539 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rickman Dr.
1627 – mental subject, Martz Rd./Elwell Rd.
1626 – assist other dept., Reedgrass Ln.
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1804 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1833 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1953 – welfare check, Paloma Dr.
2012 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
xxxx – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
2121 – welfare check, Bemis Rd.
2131 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2145 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2153 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2217 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2245 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
2258 – property check, Harbor Ln.
2310 – property check, Country Walk Blvd.
2253 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Venetian Ave.

Tuesday, April 8:

0018 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Jackson Ln.
xxxx – private property impound, Meadows Ct.
1138 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd./Belleville Rd.
1201 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1201 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.
1212 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1227 – assist other dept., Anna Dr.
1231 – misc. complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1235 – misc. complaint, S. Edgemont
1236 – misc. complaint, S. Edgemont
1236 – misc. complaint, S. Edgemont
1315 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.
1323 – road hazard, Patty Ln.
1327 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.
1330 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.

1334 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.
1401 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1406 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.
1413 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.
1415 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.
1458 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1520 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
1538 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.
1537 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Van Buren St.

1635 – PPO violation, Water's Edge Ln.
1649 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1838 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2000 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2005 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2042 – hospice death, Harmony Ln.
2134 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2227 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, April 9:

xxxx – repossession, Stanley Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stanley Rd.
0337 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0417 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Dewitt Rd.
0531 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0910 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
0952 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1101 – welfare check, Edison Lk.
1223 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1235 – larceny from auto, Bemis Rd.
1335 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1426 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1428 – assist fire dept., Richard Run Dr.
1439 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Sheldon Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1620 – harassment call, Locust Dr.
1631 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1718 – welfare check, Sadie Ln.
1859 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2119 – 911 welfare check, Freedom Way
2236 – mental subject, Freedom Way

Thursday, April 10:

xxxx – repossession, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0721 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0947 – felony assault, Denton Rd.
1039 – civil matter, Maurice Dr.
1040 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
1235 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Alba Ct.
1430 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1430 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1431 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1456 – 911 welfare check, Laguna Dr.
1501 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1522 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1706 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Barnwell Dr.
1940 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1946 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martz Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2341 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, April 11:

0218 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave./Belleville
0247 – intrusion alarm, Mantauk Ct.
0330 – vehicle lockout, Landmark
0408 – domestic, Chester Ct.
0723 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0901 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
0901 – intrusion alarm, Water's Edge Ln.
0918 – intrusion alarm, Timberland Dr.
1007 – sexual assault, Ash Dr.
1008 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1027 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pond Ridge Ln.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1137 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.
1157 – civil matter, Buchanan St.
1234 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1250 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1310 – malicious destruction of property, Kahla
1347 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1411 – 911 welfare check, W. I-94/Beck Rd.
1421 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. /

Michigan Ave.
1551 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1603 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1611 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
xxxx – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1630 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
1646 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1725 – family trouble, Assembly St.
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2026 – welfare check, Western St.
2252 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
2320 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2334 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2347 – larceny from auto, Ivy Dr.

Saturday, April 12:

0024 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
0102 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0210 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0408 – disorderly, S. Adams
0710 – suicidal person, America
0813 – neighbor trouble, Maurice Dr.
0923 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1012 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1047 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1056 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
1332 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1144 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
1440 – mental subject, Cambridge
1602 – missing person, W. Huron River Dr.
1841 – neighbor trouble, Arlene Ln.
2038 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2056 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2047 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2220 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

Also, on this log are 201 traffic stops, 59 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleuve Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 6:

1658 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
2137 – larceny from auto, Carmell St.
Monday, April 7:
0541 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0850 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
0911 – welfare check, Roland St.
1507 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1821 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1955 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
2308 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.

Tuesday, April 8:

0823 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1003 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, April 9:

0100 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0817 – misc. complaint, Bedell St.
1328 – threat, Belle Villa Blvd.
1342 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1438 – misc. complaint, Owen St.
1738 – domestic, N. Edgemont Ave.
Thursday, April 10:
0824 – warrant arrest, Anaheim
1134 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1147 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1211 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1405 – warrant arrest, Anaheim
1500 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1931 – assist other dept., South St.
1950 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robbe St.
1830 – civil matter, Carmell St.

Friday, April 11:

1817 – overdose, E. Huron River Dr.
2115 – domestic, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2159 – overdose, E. Huron River Dr.
Saturday, April 12:
1314 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Biggs Ave.

1928 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1957 – road hazard, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2346 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Light Tower Dr.
There are 62 reports on this week's log and 29 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 6:

0850 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1106 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1332 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Bemis
1407 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.
1720 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1817 – mental health call, Oregon St.
1826 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville
2036 – assault, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2105 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Willow
2131 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Judd
2340 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, April 7:

0057 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1042 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1112 – damage to property, Brookview Dr.
1233 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1302 – alarm, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1333 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Lohr
1603 – welfare check, Stonecrest Dr.
1657 – missing person, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1703 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1745 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1947 – 911 hangup, New Mexico St.
2017 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
2036 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2052 – felony warrant arrest pickup, out of township
2128 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

Tuesday, April 8:

0003 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0512 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0811 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0959 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1006 – family trouble, Redwood Dr.
1126 – traffic complaint/hazard, 21000 bl. Karr
1200 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1200 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1404 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1500 – property damage accident, Bohn/Dunn
1718 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
2121 – 911 hangup, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2227 – suspicious circumstance, Timberlane Dr.
2230 – fire dept. assist, California St.

Wednesday, April 9:

0014 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0027 – welfare check, Texas St.
0326 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1004 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1100 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1143 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico
1339 – family trouble, Redwood Dr.
1541 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1633 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1808 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1834 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.
1908 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
2118 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2347 – 911 hangup, Birch Ct.

Thursday, April 10:

0414 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0425 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0623 – alarm, Birch Dr.
0634 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0758 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1152 – follow up investigation, 48000 bl. Wear
1545 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1547 – fraud complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1616 – suspicious circumstance, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1740 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1916 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1943 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
2002 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.

Friday, April 11:

0022 – citizen assist, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
0819 – suspicious vehicle, Country Club Blvd.
0930 – alarm, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1308 – mental health call, Second St.
1851 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville

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VBT OKs Camping World's bright yellow color, roof shape

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Although they warned the Camping World representative at the meeting to not do this again, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its April 9 regular meeting unanimously approved changes already made to the façade colors and roof design.

This is a final site plan amendment to changes that have already taken place to the final site plan approved in 2020, with several revisions since then. Camping World is located at 43646 North I-94 Service Dr.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said they modified the color scheme on the façade to coincide with the new corporate colors.

"We usually require going back to what was approved," director Akers said, referring to the project that had to remove its siding and replace it with the previously approved siding, and other changes required.

But Akers said Camping World is on the North I-94 Service Drive and out of the overlay district, so the planning commission has discretion about what to do.

He recommended sticking with the previously approved colors and not to allow the bright yellow color used in a wide band on the building and also along curb edges and bollards. He said it is potentially distracting for drivers on the freeway and along the service drive.

Commission vice-chairman Jeff Jahr

asked Akers to have them explain how they made changes without review first.

Anthony Henderson, the contractor who was representing Camping World at the meeting, said that Camping World sent him the design change contract and, "I thought they sent it to you, too."

"If they would have come to us, we would have applauded the roof change," commissioner Jahr said, noting this meeting would not have been necessary. "It looks better now and I don't disapprove of the colors. I'm disappointed that after so many times before us, it didn't come to us with these changes," he said. "If they make any other changes, the general contractor knows how we feel. I'm OK with the changes, but I don't like the order."

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said she agreed with Jahr and she would approve. She complimented the black decorative fence around the site.

Commissioner Bernie Grant said he wasn't a part of the original approval of the site plan and he'll rely on the others who were to make this decision. He said it is not a huge change and the colors in the former site plan tend to fade into the background. He said the process was not done correctly.

Henderson said he agrees it was not done correctly.

Commission chairman Brian Cullen he has no problem with the changes and he likes the way it looks. He said the commission

wants to help promote businesses.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said she drove by the business the previous day and, "It was beautiful. It looks great."

Akers asked Henderson for an update on the project.

He said he's the third general contractor hired for the project. He said the man who should have been here to answer the questions couldn't get here for the meeting.

He said they are working through some issues with a former contractor and they are making sure everything is up to code and permit.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

(continued from page 17)

2203 – 911 hangup, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2326 – alarm, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, April 12:

0101 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0136 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
0219 – follow-up investigation, Hickory/Birch
1220 – harassment complaint, New Mexico St.
1227 – harassment complaint, Arizona St.
1318 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willow
1522 – fire dept. assist, Karr Rd./Willis Rd.
1556 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1651 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1805 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Bemis
1949 – suspicious person, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 232 patrol checks, 107 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.



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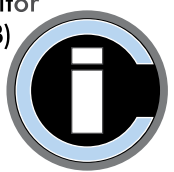
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Van Buren Redevelopment Open House Workshop

**April 30, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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The public is invited to the Community Open House Workshop on Wednesday, April 30 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The Community Open House aims to promote diverse housing types, commercial reinvestment, diversify uses and building types, and enhance connectivity within public spaces. In October 2024, the Township kicked off the planning process with an initial meeting and has held ongoing meetings with the Stakeholder Committee. The Community Open House Workshop will include an overview of existing zoning requirements and some preliminary development concept options for the various township redevelopment sites identified through the recent Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) certification process. Those who attend will be given an opportunity to provide feedback prior to final concepts being drafted. The conceptual design and planning process is expected to continue over the next several months and will have additional opportunities for public input.

The goal of the is to promote revitalized, more walkable, mixed-use areas with a focal point being the section of Belleville Road, commonly referred to in the plan as the "181-acre or Ford Land Parcel." The proposed redevelopment for the Belleville Road commercial corridor aims to create a gateway into the Township's core downtown area. With resident and community input, the goals of the townships planning efforts can be realized by updating the zoning code. The open house will include an overview of general zoning strategies and an opportunity for feedback from those who attend.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, April 17** – Varsity Softball vs. Garden City, 4 p.m.; Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
- **Friday, April 18** – Varsity Lacrosse vs. Woodhaven, 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 19** -- Varsity Baseball vs. Airport, 10 a.m.; JV Girls Soccer vs. Plymouth, 10:30 a.m.; Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Plymouth, 12 p.m.
- **Monday, April 21** – Varsity Softball vs. Canton, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 22** – Varsity Boys and Girls Track vs. Franklin, 3:30 p.m.; JV Girls Tennis vs. Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 23** – Varsity Softball vs. John Glenn, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Lacrosse vs. Northville, 6 p.m.

Jamie Cichowski
Belleville High School Athletic Secretary



April 9 – Dandy Kay Maier
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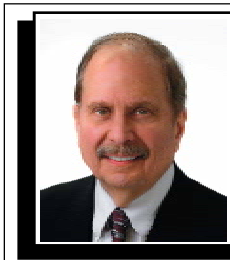
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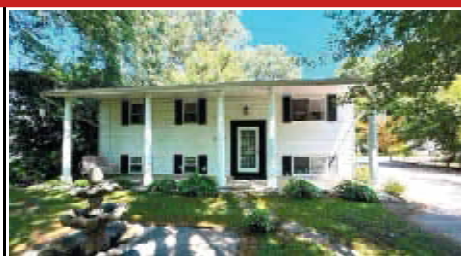
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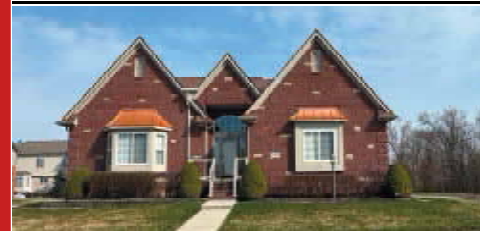
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IN A MOST PRIVATE WORLD. Premium Kitchen, 4 bedrooms (First Floor Master), 3 1/2 Baths, 4,400 Sq Ft, Finished Basement, 40x60 Pole Barn on 5 1/2 Acres. \$1,150,000



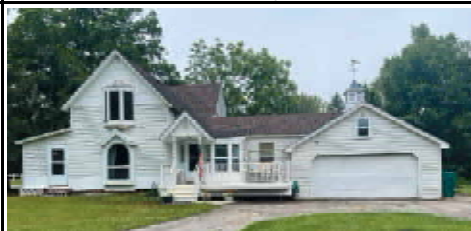
13691 BASSWOOD, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

COMING SOON Custom Built Brick Ranch 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, Hardwood Floors, New Carpeting, Lafada Cabinets, Finished Basement 3 Car Garage Generator \$599,500



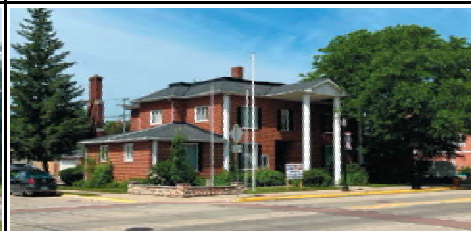
47175 WILLIS SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY Three Bedroom Brick Ranch Featuring Florida Room, Family Room, Fireplace, 2 1/2 Car Garage and Two Big Outbuildings 1 Acre \$325,000



13300 EDGE DALE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

THIS IMPRESSIVE VICTORIAN home offers an open family room and dining room with Hardwood floors showcasing the arched windows. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms \$278,500



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BELLEVILLE 3 RESIDENTIAL LOTS ONE
PENDING
3 ACRES - COMMERCIAL CORNER AT
SUMPTER AND WILLOW NOW \$150,000

GRANT & WAHRMAN 4 ACRES LT IND BY
METRO AIRPORT \$250,000
SOLD
2 Parcel One
Outbuilding and Survey \$315,800 for Both
HAGGERTY **SOLD** \$70,000

WILLIS R **SOLD** **ER** \$60,000
WILLIS & MARTINSVILLE 1.64AC \$65,000
JUDD RD **SOLD** **AC** \$39,500
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 AC LT IND \$45,000
28260 SHERWOOD SUMPTER 10A \$120,000
39 MORROSS CIRCLE, DEARBORN \$25,000

4 PAR **1 PARCEL LEFT**
BEMIS & MARTINSVILLE, CORNER LOT
1 ACRE BETTER HURRY NOW \$50,000
VACAN **SOLD** **IT** \$55,000
***** BELLEVILLE LAKEFRONT *** 2405**
RAWSONVILLE 99X328 .74 AC \$99,900

CORNER OF SHERWOOD & JIND ROAD
SUM **SOLD**
FARM OR BOLD NOW \$200,000
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